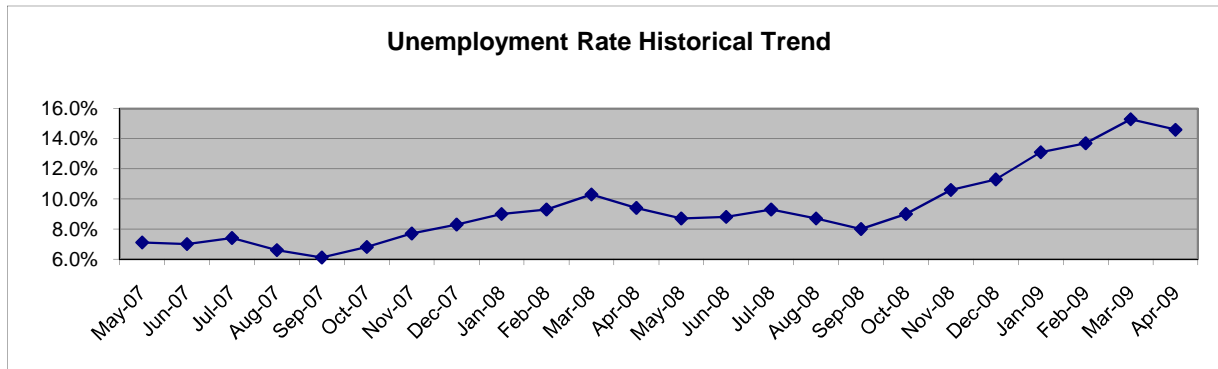


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 MADERA-CHOWCHILLA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Madera County)

The unemployment rate in the Madera County was 14.6 percent in April 2009, down from a revised 15.3 percent in March 2009, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.9 percent for California and 8.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Industry | Mar-2009 | Apr-2009 | Change | | Apr-2008 | Apr-2009 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|--|----------|----------|--------|
| | Revised | Prelim | | | | Prelim | |
| Total, All Industries | 43,800 | 43,400 | (400) | | 42,100 | 43,400 | 1,300 |
| Total Farm | 9,100 | 8,700 | (400) | | 7,300 | 8,700 | 1,400 |
| Total Nonfarm | 34,700 | 34,700 | 0 | | 34,800 | 34,700 | (100) |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0 | | 2,000 | 1,600 | (400) |
| Manufacturing | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | | 3,300 | 3,800 | 500 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 | | 5,100 | 5,200 | 100 |
| Information | 500 | 500 | 0 | | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 800 | 800 | 0 | | 800 | 800 | 0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | | 2,800 | 2,700 | (100) |
| Educational & Health Services | 5,700 | 5,700 | 0 | | 5,900 | 5,700 | (200) |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 3,000 | 2,900 | (100) | | 2,700 | 2,900 | 200 |
| Other Services | 800 | 800 | 0 | | 800 | 800 | 0 |
| Government | 10,600 | 10,700 | 100 | | 10,900 | 10,700 | (200) |

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov